

In the name of God Amen this ninth Day of December, 1747
I Harmon Merselius of Piscataway in the County of Middlesex in
the Eastern Division of the province of New Jersey being very Sick and
weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be unto
God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing
that is Appointed for all men once to die do make and Ordain
this my last will and Testament that is to say, principally and
first of all I give and Recommend my Soul unto the hands of
Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to
the earth to be buried in such Decent and Christian like
manner as shall seem meet and convenient to the
Discretion of my Executors hereafter named nothing doubting
but at the Generall Resurrection I shall Receive the Same
Again and as Touching such worldly Estate, wherewith
it has pleased God to bless me with I give demise and dispose of the
Same in the following manner
I give and bequeath unto Hannah my Dearly and
beloved wife, my Negro wench called Bit here Bedding horse
Bridle and Saddle one Leubbord and Bilsteed Table One
Bedstead bed curtains and Appurvell therunto belonging &
One half Dozen Chairs and the one half the future that is
now belonging or appertaining to me, to here solely as her
own ~~property~~ property for ever Item I give and bequeath
unto my beloved Son John Merselius this my present
dwelling house with all the land from About Twenty
Yards to the westward of my said house to the South
or South East Side as far as my land Reaches that way
Running Down that width the whole length of my plantation so
that both End thereof is the Same width with the Twenty yard
to the westward or that way of my said house to the Extent of
my plantation South or South westward or Towards that
course so that the whole Sothely or Southeasterly part from About

prudence mariales

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The man who
is a copy of a will

Twenty yards to the westward of the house as Aforesaid to the
Extent of my said plantation I bequeath As Aforesaid unto
my said said beloved son, with a certain Tract of land of forty
Acres along the Greenbrook beginning at the west end of the
Island at a Black walnut Sapling and Running as the deed
Expresses which is the land I purchased of Joseph Hull Together
with all the privileges and Appurtenances thereof to him &
his heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved
Son Peter Merselius all the other part of this my plantation
which is to say, the westward side thereof Running as far Eastward
as to the Aforesaid Twenty yards to the westward of the house
Aforesaid with a certain Tract of land of land of Forty
Acres lying under the Mountain ~~at~~ beginning at John Veils
Corner with all the ~~free~~ privileges and Appurtenances
thereof to him and his heirs for ever. Item my will is that all
my moveables be sold (only Excepted as Aforesaid, and After
my funeral Charges my just debts be paid by my Executors
but in case the Amount of what the Moveables is sold
for should not be sufficient to discharge said debt then my
will is that my Executors take up such Sum or Sums of
money as will be sufficient to discharge the Residue thereof
and that the mortgage the plantation I now live on for the
Security thereof which is to be Redeemed or Cleared by my
two said Sons John and Peter Merselius Ten pounds of
which my said John is to pay Towards the Clearance of
said Mortgage more than his brother Peter which is to be
Taken up or discharged when the youngest of them attain
to the years of Twenty one. Item That all my Real Estate
be rented out by my Executors for the use of the Instruction of
my Children who are to be put to some Suitable Trade as
such times as they arrive to proper years. Item my will is that
my beloved wife ~~is to be~~ Allowed out of the benefits of my Real
Estate Ten pounds yearly During the Term she remains
my

Signed Sealed published
pronounced and declared by
the said Herman Marsalis as
his last will and Testament
in the presence of with
Memorandum of the
Interiminations hereof

Frederick Vermeule John
Herman Marsalis Frederick
Vermeule John Marsalis

mark
John X Marsalis
his
mark
John X Marsalis
his

Know all Men by these presents That I Thomas Pount
of the County of Middlesex and Province of East Jersey by
Lawyer for Diver Good Causes and Considerations one thousand
Making, Do Release and for ever Quitt Claim unto Herman H
Marbles of the Same Place. Yeoman all my Right Title Propri-
ty Claim and Demand for in and to one Certain Tract or Parcel of
of Land Situate lying and being in the Purchase of Elizabeth Town
lying on the South Side of Green Brook, so called, Beginning
at a Stake on the South Side of Green Brook: thence South Easterly
five Degrees and Thirty minuts East Twenty nine Chains and thirty
links to a Stake in the West line; thence North East Thirteen
Chains and fifty Nine links to a Stake: thence North Easterly
five Degrees and Thirty minuts West Thirteen Chains and Eighteen
links to a Peach Tree Close by Green Brook Marked on three
Sides thence down the Brook to the first mentioned Stake
Containing by Estimation Sixty four Acres and Three Quarters
of Land be the same more or less Bounded on the North West
by Green Brook North East by Land of P. Herman Marbles if
he bought of the Committee of Elizabeth Town South by the West H
line South West by David Corriell; Also Another Tract or
Parcel of Land lying in the Purchase of Elizabeth Town afore-
said on the head of the Land of Thomas Pount above P. and H
David Corriell's Land on the North Side of Green Brook; and
partly on the first Mountain lying for Twenty six Acres
of Land Bounded: South Easterly by John Vaill and me
the P. Thomas Pount South Easterly by David Corriell And
Thomas Pount Land North Easterly by Joseph Hulls Land and
North West by P. first mountain Both P. Tracts of Land
above mentioned being part of that Tract of Land that I the P.
Thomas Pount bought of Peter Marbles and Peter Stugesand
of the County of Bergen in the Province afore said by a Deed of
Sale bearing Date the Seventh Day of November A.D. 1746
Relation therunto had both and will more fully and at large
Appear, Do Have and Do Hold Posses in writ and
Enjoy all the P. Lands and Promises with their and every of
their Appurtenances without any let Resistance Molestation
Disturbance Repulsion or Interruption of me the P. Thomas Pount
my heirs, Exors or Adors or any other Person or Persons who to
ever Claiming the same or any part or parcel thereof for me
in my name by any Cause means Effect Consent or Procurement
In Witness Whereof I the P. Thomas Pount have hereunto
put my hand and Seal This Seventh Day of May A.D. 1746
Done in One thousand Seven Hundred and forty Seven
Sealed and Delivered
In the presence of Us
Saml Coriell
Edward Willmott

Thomas Pount

Be it Remembered that on the Fifth Day of October One Thousand Seven
Hundred & Seventy Three David Corrie one of the Subscribing witnesses
to the within L^t. Claim came before ^{Mr} Round Clunyon, one of the Judges of
the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas for the County of Middlesex and being
duly sworn saith he was present & saw the within named Thomas Round
Grantor, Sign Seal & Deliver the within Instrument as his own free &
Voluntary Act & Deed for the Uses & purposes therein mentioned

Round Clunyon

From Round to Thomas Corrie

A Quitt Claim from Thomas Round to Harman Mendenhall 1747

Memorandum of goods that Remains unsold
which Belongeth to the Estate of the Deceased Mormon
Marshall

To 1 mutton meat
To one Round table
To one horse
To one Meat Cask
To one Silver Tub
To one feeder salt tub. With a gallon of hogg fat
To five Knives and forks
To one Iron Pot
To one Iron Skillet
To one Taster
To sundries Spoons
To one Earthen Plate
To one Currier's
To Eleven Bags
To one Knot of Tree
To one Pair of Iron
To ten Bushels of Indian Corn
To ten Pounds of fat of a fatter horse
To Saw mill Hogg which he allowed for to the Estate
To Two pounds five and six pence of the due from Eda Marshall.

This is a true account of the goods and wares that Remains
unsold all Erors Excepted the Inve being drawn from
the Books
Erectly Copied of

Copy of the
good. *Handwritten*
from the *Book of*
Mormon *Marshall*

Handwritten

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods and Chattles Rig
Middlesex in the Eastern Division of the Province of New Jersey deceased, Lippincott

Cash	£ 0:16:0
Bonds, Bills and Notes amounting to	100:18:2
Book Debts amounting to	27:12:8
Wearing Apparell	12:0:0
One Bed and Furniture there of	12:0:0
Table Linnea with Sundrys	3:10:0
7 Yards of Carsey	27 2:9:0
2 Chimney Coals with Sundrys	0:15:0
1 small Box with Tea Tackling	1:5:0
6 Tea Kittle with Glasses, Earthen Ware and Sundrys	1:15:0
Tin Ware and Baskets	0:16:0
Earthen and Stone Jugs and Potts	0:9:0
Lewter	3:0:0
Bales, Tubs, Bowles and other wooden Ware	1:0:0
Knives and Forks	0:5:0
Iron Potts and 1 Chafin Dish	2:0:0
2 Kittle	3:0:0
1 Cupboard & 1 Desk	5:10:0
6 Trunk, Chest & Case of Bottles	1:10:0
2 Spinning Wheels	0:15:0
1 Bible and other small Books	0:12:0
Buttons and Mohair	0:4:0
1 Saddle & 1 pr of Bridle Bitts	0:18:9
1 pair of Smooling Irons and other small Iron Ware	0:16:0
1 1/4 lb Weight and 1 pr Cards	0:12:0
3 Guns and 1 Box of Flint	4:10:0
Pork, Beef and Barrels	5:0:0
Wheat on the Ground	10:0:0
Wheat Unthrashed	5:0:0
Oats Unthrashed	0:10:0
Clean'd Wheat to the Value of	15:0:0
Indian Corn in Ears	7:0:0
Buckwheat Clean'd	1:0:0
1 Woman's Saddle & Bridle	2:10:0
1 Corn Tange Flax, Wool and Yarn	2:1:0
Cuthbert Hutchins } Hannah & Harrocks } Executors Peter Marselis }	

into and credits belonging to Hannu. Marcus late of Piscataway in the County of
 by the subscribers hereof this 13. day of January 1747/6

Three Hares a brace & 1 Hatchet	£ 1:0:0
Apres & Gean eachling	0:10:0
four sorts of Tools	6:15:0
1 Luthard or 2 reber	0:9:0
1 Can Sea here 1 Glass Pipe	1:2:0
3 Tables 1 Looking Glass	8:0:0
9 Chairs & 1 Stool	1:2:6
2 pair of Hand Irons Sings & Shovels	3:0:0
2 Fibers, 1 Iron Sock Hammer & Scissors	5:0:0
1 Gun Sock, Shot bag, Powder Horn & Ammunition with Sundry	0:14:0
2 new Wax Candles & 1 pair of Sticks with Sundry	1:0:0
2 Iron mule & 1 Bar of Iron	1:0:0
1 Gun stone with Sundry	0:13:0
1 Wagon	10:0:0
5 Shirts	3:10:0
2 Hangers	0:3:0
Wool & a Bedstead	0:9:0
1 Negro Man Bench & Boy	100:0:0
1 Halibone 1 pair 4 Batts & some old Iron	1:5:0
1 Red & 3 white trees	0:14:0
1 Weaver's loom	1:10:0
3 Sows	7:10:0
1 Syetel 2 Cedar Boats & 3 Nails	0:16:0
2 Wagon Horses	20:0:0
4 small De	17:0:0
3 No. of Iron Cans, a Boat, a Buck & a Shovel & Sundry Bags	3:0:0
2 Sheep & 1 by the & eachling	0:13:0
1 Horse & 20 small Mill dogs	17:0:0
Negroes Bedding	1:0:0
1 Wood & 1 Lumber	1:4:0
1 Nursery of Maple Trees & a Pleasure Key	8:0:0
1 Old Glass	0:10:0
1 Glass Bell	6:0:0

Jonathan Dunn }
 David Crill }
 Attire by of the Virginia Office in the
 prerogative Office of the Virginia
 examined by John Smith Sen.

An Account of Money Paid by Peter Mersullis Executor
of the Estate of Harmonius Mersullis on account of said Estate

To James Willson in full of his Note & Interest	£ 4 - 2 - 4
To Hannah Robins in part of her Legacy	80 - 0 - 0
To David Kuchman the Balance of his account in full	11 - 0 - 0
To Idem Mersullis the Balance of his acct.	10 - 17 - 11
To Peter Low paid to George Hagawout	1 - 7 - 6
To Peter Humble & Comp ^{ts} in full of Accounts	64 - 16 - 11
To Jonathan Durr for David Correll for Appraising	7 - 0 - 0
To Anthony Hattin in full of his fathers Account	6 - 19 - 8
To Samuel Andrews on Account of Harmonius Mersullis	12 - 0 - 0
To Peter Boget for gloves for the funeral	3 - 6 - 0
To Elias VanCourt the Balance of his acct.	6 - 9 - 0
To Cornelius Low paid in full of his acct.	3 - 5 - 4 1/2
To Edward Willmott in full of his acct.	5 - 0 - 0
To Richard Corine in full	4 - 1 - 0
To Richard Sudder in full	3 - 6 - 0
To Benj ⁿ Croso in full	1 - 7 - 0
To John Stille for writing a Deed	3 - 6 - 0
To Isaac Dotey in full	3 - 6 - 0
To Peter Humble in part of a Note	18 - 4 - 2
To Andrew Johnson the Principle Interest & Cost of his Bond	236 - 13 - 7
To James Alexander in part of the Interest of his Bond	14 - 0 - 0
To Joseph Hull in part of the purchase of Land	36 - 12 - 6
To Moses Loozade in full of his Bond & Interest	107 - 0 - 0
To Hannah Loozade in full of Acc ^t of her Husband	6 - 14 - 11
To Cash paid for Peter Mersullis's Account for gloves at funeral	2 - 19 - 0
To Cash paid for a Copy of the Will & Probate &c.	2 - 5 - 5
To W ^m Robins in full of the Bond given him for the	26 - 11 - 5
Balance in the Hands of the said Peter Mersullis	2 - 7 - 7
To Expenses attending the Appraisalment Proving the will &c.	2 - 7 - 7
	£ 629 - 5 - 1 1/2

Know all Men by these presents that We William
Robins and Hannah my Wife for and in Consideration of a
Certain Obligation signed by Peter Marsalis to us jointly
Conditioned for the Payment of thirty shillings proclamation
money of New Jersey yearly and Every to Hannah the Wife of the
aforesaid William Robins and for divers other Causes and
Considerations us hereunto especially moving Have remised
Relieved and forever quit Claimed and by these presents —
Do forever Remise Release and quit Claim unto the aforesaid
Peter Marsalis all our Right, Title, Claim or Demand
whatsoever of Thirds or Right of Dower of in and to a
Certain Tract of Land of the which the said Peter Marsalis
is now the sole and only Proprietor and of which he is now
in Possession, which Tract or Piece of Land was formerly
Devised by Harmanus Marsalis by Will to the said
Peter Marsalis and We do hereby for the Considerations
aforesaid Do acknowledge ourselves to be fully satisfied
Contented paid and of and from the aforesaid Thirds or right
of Dower Do acquit Exonerate & discharge the said Peter
Marsalis his heirs Executors and Administrators forever
As Witnesses our hands and Seals this fifteenth day of —
March In the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven
hundred and sixty Nine. 1769. —

Wm Robins
Hannah Robins

Sealed & Delivered
in presence of —
Thomas Woodruff
Isaac Harris

Quit Claim from William Robens

1799

J. L. H. H.

North carolina April 25 1770

Deere uncul this is to let you no that I am in good health
hoping the Lord find you in the same I shuld be very
glad to here from you all but noing you have no opper-
tunity to let me no I woud be glad you woud ^{not} ~~let~~ ^{write} ~~me~~ ^{now}
I am if she is in them parts and remember ni kind love to him
and to granfather and grane and to oll mi friends and relation
I am @ work @ my trade in anson county on the river pede
but I expect to work in south carolina the most part
of this summer y^d I shal be home in the fall some time
tose the latter end mabe not before Desember and shal com by
worter from gorge town in south carolina I shal tri the
se once more and I beleve the last for I had such a bad
passage acuming that the old sailors that avery minnit
woud be the last our ballis shifted wick m^d the sailors
criout the vessel cant live ~~the~~ the storm held one night
and day these run hier then a ver I se a mouneten in
mi life I sent you a letter from N. Burn last ginnewary
I dont ~~expect~~ expect to have enne oppertrnity to rite
a gin you can tel muncul John Hutchens that hos
brother Anthoni is well and his famili and James
and his fommi li ~~that~~ that I have had so tin news

Josep french and his family is well James the Miller
Lives with him and talk of going to Mass Sippe for Chare
is matter of a hundred families going of Mass Sippe
in Juli. Had wood have went to have the in

And if I Live I Shall Say in like hom I shall come
to be sembr to remane your seven Cosen

Peter Merzeles

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0.8:8
0.1:1
0.12:8

Peter Murren
letter

April 25th 1770

Mr

To
Luke Covert Living in East
New Jersey in the County of
Essex On Green Brook
At the favour of
Mrs Cath^r Hunter

An Opportunity Presenting by M^r. Forgerfon, who is
traveling into New England, I make use of it to let
you know that we are in general in good health
except my Youngest Child, who has been much
troubled with the fever and Ague this Winter and
latter part of Fall. but is now getting better. the rest
of us have had our healths very well all winter.
and I hope these may find you in the same State.
the small Pox. has been pretty thick and mortal in
these parts this winter. and many are dead with it
among which Number is Peter Messelison. who died
about a fortnight ago. but ^{we} have as yet made out to keep
clear of it. I have sent several Letters to you, which
I know not whether you have received or not,
and I hope you will not fail to let me hear from
you by every Opportunity, be particular in inform-
ing me how you and your Family, and all our
Friends in your Parts are,

we like this Place full as well as we expected, and
find the People very kind to us. but as the bearer
is just setting off I must conclude. Subscribing
myself your affectionate Brother
Peter Harris
Carolina Feb^r. 12. 1771

Mr. John (Clerk)

Mr. James Harris

To be left at Mr. } in Escalaway

Wife in } N. Jersey
N. Brunswick }

To all People to whom these Presents
shall come. William Robins and
Hannah his wife sendeth greeting.
Whereas the said William Robins and
Hannah his wife is Possessed of and
Interested as a Right of Dower to one
Third Part of all that Piece or Parcell
of Land herein after Mentioned and
Described, by virtue of the said Hannah
Being the wife of One Harmones Mar-
sh in his life time who was Possessed
of the said Piece or Parcell of Land
which lies Part in the County of Middlesex
and Part in the County of Essex
and in the Province of East New
Jersey and Begins at a Stone on the
South Side of Green Brook and from thence
Running South Twenty ^{Seven} Degrees East Nineteen
Chains and twenty Three links to the Corner
of the Land of the said William Robins
Thence South fifty five Degrees West five
Chains and seven links. Thence South
Twenty seven Degrees East thirteen Chains
and thirty three links. Thence North Sixty
Three Degrees East seven Chains and three
links. Thence South Twenty seven Degrees
East Nineteen Chains and Sixty links to
The Corner of the Land of Thompson Still
Thence

Thence South Sixty Six Fathoms West Eleven
Chains and forty links along said Mills
line to the Corner thereof Thence South
Thirty Fathoms East Eight Chains and
Forty Links to the Moor line Thence
Westerly along the said Line to the
Corner of the Land of Peter Marfalis
Thence North Twenty Seven Fathoms West
along said Peters line to the said Green
Brook Thence up the said Green Brook
To the Place where it first Began
Containing One Hundred and Ten Acres
Be the same more or less. Bounded North
Easterly by Land of Zachariah Poundy.
William Robins and Thompson Mill
~~South Easterly~~ by Land of the said Peter
Marfalis and Northerly by the said Green
Brook. For the Remainder of the Natural
Life of the said Hannah Now the wife
of the said William Robins. And the
Reversion whereof Now doth belong to.
Thomas Griffin of the Borough of Elizabeth
and County of Somerset and Province afore
said. NOW KNOW YE that the said William
Robins and Hannah his wife for and in
Consideration of the sum of Forty five
Pounds Current Money of the Eastern Divi
sion of the Province of New Jersey at Eight
Shillings the ounce to them in Hand Paid
By the said Thomas Griffin The Receipt
Whereof the said William Robins and
Hannah

Hannah his wife doth hereby confess and
acknowledge. They the said William Robins
and Hannah his wife have Surrendered
and Yilded up and by these Presents
Doth Surrender and Yild up unto the
Said Thomas Griffin his Heirs and Assigns
Forever all their Right of Dower and
Power of thirds of in and to the said Piece
or Parcell of Land and Promises above
mentioned and all the Estate Right Title
Interest Claim and Demand whedsoever
of them the said William Robins and
Hannah his wife of in and to the said
Promises and every Part thereof with
The Appurtenances so that neither they
The said William Robins and Hannah his
wife their Executors Adm^rs or Assigns
or any of them shall or may have
Claim Challenge or Demand the said Pro
mises or any Part thereof or any Estate
Right Title or Interest of in and to the same
But shall at all times Hereafter of and
from all Right Title and Interest of in &
To the said Promises and every Part thereof
Be Barred and forever Excluded by these
Presents. And the said William Robins &
Hannah his wife for themselves their Ex
ecutors Adm^rs and Assigns do Covenant
and Grant to and with the said Thomas
Griffin his Heirs and Assigns that they
The said Thomas Griffin his Heirs and Assigns
shall and may at all Times hereafter

Peaceably and Quietly enter into have hold
occupy Possess and enjoy all and singular the
said Piece or Parcel of Land and Promises
above mentioned and every Part thereof
with the Appurtenances without the
let Trouble Hindrance Molestation Inter-
ruption or Denial of them the said
William Robins and Hannah his wife
Their Executors Adm^r or Assigns or of any
other Person or Persons whatsoever claim-
ing the same by from or under them
In Witness whereof the said William
Robins and Hannah his ^{wife} have Herunto
set their Hands and Seals this eighteenth
Day of March and in the year of our
~~Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty one~~

Sealed & Delivered
In the Presence of
Thomson Atty.
Joseph Morse Jun^r

W^m Robins

Hannah Robins

William Robins &
Hannah his wife
Attest
Thos. Griffin

I know all Men by these presents that I Anthony Hutchins of
Fort Machez in West Florida do hereby constitute and appoint
Peter Muelis in my name to sell and dispose of any Horses or Cattle
I have running upon Holston River or elsewhere and that he
may in my behalf receive the Money arising from such sale
and that he may execute such instrument ^{to convey my property} of writing as shall
be as binding upon me as if it was my Act and Deed and
I my self personally present witness my hand and seal
the 5th day of November 1772

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William Donal

Anth. Hutchins

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Power of Attorney

R. H. H. H.

To

R. H. H. H.

Dear unkel I take ^{this} opportunity to inform you

That I am in good health ~~may~~ hoping this will find you and all Relations in the same I have had my health for the most part very well Since I left the Jerseys I am now on Cape Fear River in North Carolina in the County Cumberland near I have worked eleven months past at my Trade but am now about to leave this Province and remove to West Florida and expect to set off to morrow the time of my return is on sartin

I saw Trebe Jackson a Court a week ago who informed me that I left the Jerseys 6 or 8 weeks ago and tells me ~~that~~ you wait allingood with all so of the Death of ant Bette Smith and all so of the Surprisin on the land of my unkel Smith and all so that my Mother is informed her of Sumpollitick Pearson me while be groge is me my life has taken a pson ~~there~~ ^{to} sartin my Death ~~for~~ the sake of geon But thanks be to God I am well and hopey which will be to their great disadvantage Pleas to inform my unkel Luke Covert that I Depend a pson him as a true and trusty a get hoping and expecting he will ~~be~~ ^{do} for the best in respect to my estate left with him I have had very good success at my Trade During ^{my} abstance Pleas to remember ^{my} Duty to ^{my} Mother and all Relations and friends

October 25th 1772

Peter Meselis

P.S. for letter in quiar in the Post office in New York

Pleas to write to me if you have opportunity direct them to Cournel Anthony Wittens at Fort ~~not~~ ^{note} on Massipia River

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Mr. Cornelius Vermalinus
living in New Gen.

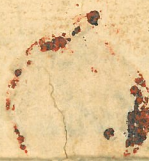
Flavour of
Mr. In. Roberts }

Near:

Bound Brook

Received 25th 1792

ELLIA



North Carolina Cumberland County —
That the Bearer hereof Peter Marselis has lived
in this town for several Years, always Behaving him-
self civilly, honestly & inoffensively is free of all publick
Scandall or Ground of Church Censure here; and as he
now intends leaving the Country, we know no Reason
why he may not be Received unto Any Christian Society
or Family where Providence may order his Lot —
Given under our hands & Seals this 21st day of June
1775 —

Rob: Latham S. P.

George Mykney J. P.

Dear Cousin

White Apple Village near Fort Hatch Augth 26/775

I have look'd for you ever since
the time you said you intended to be here, and shall
be glad to know whether you intend to come or not,
as the amount of the note you left in your Aunt's
hands may be sent you. Mr Wright is not yet come
from Carolina being afraid of indian incursions, those
dangers are now removed, & ^{he} may probably be here
soon, the Land office I suppose you have been
informed was shut immediately after you left
Pensacola so that nothing could be done about
Lands otherwise the officers rights, the office
is now open for small quantities from one to three
Hundred acres according to the circumstances & number
of the family and the time of their coming into the
Province, but we expect the office will open
in a short time on an other plan, (that is) that
any person may be entitled to what quantity he
shall think proper which he shall purchase at
Vendue at not less than six pence Sterling p^r acre,
my love to your Mamma & her Husband to all
your brothers & sisters, your ^{your uncle John} Aunt Susanna, and
all friends, in the greatest haste.

Dear Cousin

Yours &c

Anthony Hutchins

1775

A. Rutledge's letter
dated August 26th 1775

New York

Mr. J. C. A.
Mr. Rutledge

near Brown's Brook

Mr. John Rutledge


John Rutledge

To

Be it known to all whom
it may concern. that it is this day fully and
finally agreed concluded & Determined upon
between the Parties underwritten Viz, Thomas
Basket Planter on Mobile River on the
one part and Peter Merselis Planter
on the said River on the other That is
the said Thomas Basket doth grant lett
and lease unto the said Peter Merselis
a Tract of land at the mouth of Alabama
River on the South east side of said River
bounded on the upper side by the corner
line tree of a Tract of land now held and
possessed by the above Thomas Basket & on
the lower side by a Water oak tree marked
with three notches & a blaze at the mouth
of a Creek called Fore Creek running thro'
the above mentioned tract belonging to Thomas
Basket and that for the space of four
years commencing from the date hereof.
In Consideration whereof the said Peter
Merselis doth agree covenant & bargain
to pay render and deliver unto the said
Thomas Basket a peppercorn yearly in
the same should be by him demanded
And it is further agreed between the Parties
above written that the said Peter Merselis
shall himself only occupy possess & cultivate
the above mentioned Tract of land for the

space and term of four years and doth hereby
renounce all right whatever to assign or
make over any part of the said Term of years
to any person or persons And in case accident
or Business should render it necessary for
the said Peter Merselis to quit the said
Tract of land before the Expiration of the
above Term of four years that then and
in that case the said tract of land shall
return & revert to the said Thomas Baskett
in the same manner as if this lease and
Bargain had never taken place Sealed
& signed with our hands & seals this
fifteenth day of May in the year of our
Lord One thousand seven hundred and
seventy nine

Tho: Baskett 

Peter Merselis 

Sealed and delivered
in presence of
John Stewart
Walter Turnbull

M^r Tho^s Bickell
to Sister Maria's
leave May 15th
1779

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I have perused and considered the will of Harman
Manseliv and I am thereupon of opinion that
the devise to the son John and his heirs forever
creates a fee simple, and that therefore the
Peter had good right to convey the same in fee
simple either by deed or last will & testament.

I have also considered the power of attorney
executed by the^d Peter to Luke Lount, and it
is very clear that the^d Lount, in discharge of
his trust, ought to lease out the real Estate
without any reference to, or direction from the
Brother; because if Peter be dead it is devised
from the Brother, and if he is living (which
is the case for aught appearing to the contrary)
the brother hath no pretence of claim.

Rich^d Stockton

20th Apr. 1779

Whereas the acting Executors to the last Will and Testament of my Father Herman Marsailles of Middlesex County in the Eastern division of the Province of New Jersey, did sell and dispose of a certain Piece or parcel of Land which was bequeathed to me John Marsailles by the aforesaid deceased, and therewith did discharge certain Debts due from my aforesaid Father. Now know ye that for and in consideration of Fifty Pounds Current Money of said Eastern Division to me in hand paid by my brother Peter Marsailles Do by these presents for my self and my Heirs Reconveye acquit release and for Ever discharge the said Peter Marsailles and his Heirs from all demands I have against him the said Peter in that behalf and from all other Debts dues and demands whatsoever. Witness my hand and seal the Twelfth day of March Anno Domini 1769. —

Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of

Luke Covert

Edw Vermule

John Marsailles

John Marselle,
To
Peter Marselle,

Release

John Marselle,
To
Peter Marselle,

Release

M^r Peter Morris

Dear Nephew

Hatchery 30th September 1799.

I received your Letter of the 15th April last and am glad to hear of the welfare of your Children, and of the recovering state of your spouse; And as years roll on you as well as others must expect more and more to feel the effects of the accidents and misfortunes of early days; You have generally enjoyed a tolerable share of health which of course will decline & vanish as age advances, it indeed gives me pleasure to hear that you are no worse than you represent. — I thank you for the account you gave me of your Aunt M^r Lane & family & rejoice to hear they are well. —

M^r Jones you say informed you that this Country was properly Organized under the United States: It is organized its true, & the Inhabitants are firmly attached to the cause and interest of Government, yet they are very unhappy and dissatisfied with the Administration here in many respects, nor are their complaints quite causeless which from certain circumstances cannot be easily remedied, which time will evince when it may be too late, for through false representations of the profligate Eliot too much attended too together with ridiculous appointments & unwarrantable laws formed here, when Laws adopted agreeable to the Ordinance would have been less exceptionable, and which hath

caused many of the best of the people to leave the Dominion. I only touch a little upon this matter to shew by a hint only the unpleasant living here. —

And as to the Lands of this Country you know hath chiefly been granted by British Grants and since are held by Spanish Titles, and cultivated and improved for years past under such recent Grants. This seems to be the situation of most of the Lands at the Natchez, and such is the case with one of the Tracts you mention that lies adjacent to me. The other tract on the Homuchitto that you say is the Claim of Mr Livingston, ^{may or may not be} ~~is a very great tract~~ ^{ungranted nor} can I inform you much about it as I was never on that tract, but am told that the greatest part of it is very uneven & full of Hills besides it is said that the beginning Tree is destroyed by some means or other and that a Mr Gailard has lately made an improvement on the best part of the tract with intent of shoving the survey a little higher up, therefore it will be hard to ascertain the Tract with exactness as the lines were never extended, yet I believe the place where the beginning tree stood may yet be proved by those who live near the Land. —

I suppose it will not be long until it will be known which of the Grants here shall be most valid that of Britain or that of Spain, and I would advise that you have no concerns in disputed Lands till that point be settled, yet I am ^{not clear but} ~~xxxxxx~~ that there ~~can~~ be ~~no~~ other disputes in that of Mr Livingston then what may arise from the contrivance of Gailard

I will make a further enquiry about that ~~land~~ ^{tract} as well to
serve M^r Livingston as you, and ^{will} communicate such information as
soon as I can get good intelligence. —

I am in a poor state of health occasioned I suppose by past
hardship & trouble & by the decline of life. My wife & family are all
well ~~and join me~~ and join me in our love to you your S, and Children
and believe that I am

Dear Nephew your affectionate Uncle
A. Hutchins

P.S. I cannot say any thing of the selling
price of land as there are neither sellers nor
buyers at this time, they all wait to know the
fate of the Spanish grants, but the chief that
hath been sold is at about 2 Dollars per Acre
A.H.

N.B. your brother George is with Eliot on the line,
it is long since I saw him. Peter & Ephraim
Morrells are at the Camps being both in
the service as Sergeants, they were well
a short time past — A.H.

Excuse this rough & old the epistle
I have not time to correct nor
transcribe it — A.H.

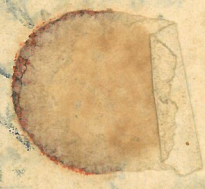
told that
it was

Wm. Peter Marsellus

Middlesex County near Round Brook

State of New Jersey

Come to hand 28th Decem 1779



I know all men by these presents, that I Luke Covert of the County
of Essex and State of New Jersey Farmer, am held and firmly bound
unto Peter Merselius of the County and State aforesaid, ^{Carpenter} in the sum
of five hundred pounds proclamation Money, to be paid unto the said
Peter Merselius or his certain Attorney heirs, Executors, Administrators,
or Assigns, to the which payment well and truly to be made and done
I do hereby bind myself, my heirs, Executors, Administrators, and every
of them, firmly by these presents, Sealed with my seal. Dated this
first Day of December 1783 —

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above
bounded Luke Covert, his heirs, Executors, and Administrators, for his and
their part and behalf, shall in all things well and truly stand to, obey,
abide, observe, perform, fulfill, and keep, the award, order, Arbitrament,
final end and Determination, of Thomas Woodruff Esq, of the County
of Essex, Elias Van Court of the County of Somerset, and Thomas Mansop
of the County of Middlesex, Arbitrators indifferently elected named and chosen
as well on the part and behalf of the said Luke Covert, as on the
part and behalf of the said Peter Merselius, to Arbitrate, award, order,
judge, and Determine, of and concerning, of all manner of Action, and
Actions, cause, and causes, actions, suits, contracts, ~~particulars~~, Accounts
sums of Money, controversies, trespasses, damages, and Demands,
whatsoever, at any time heretofore had, made, moved, brought, com=
menced, sued, prosecuted, done, suffered, committed, or ⁱⁿ any manner of
wise Depending, by or between the said parties, so as the Award of the
said Arbitrators, or any two of them, be made and put in writing
under their hands and seals, ready to be Delivered to the said
parties in Difference, on or before the first Day of January
next ensuing this above Date, that then the above obligation to
be void and of none effect; otherwise to stand and remain in full force
and virtue —

Sealed and Delivered in presence of

Lari Lemmer
Thomson Stelle

Luke Covert

Luke Couert } Bond
to Peter Marselis

Arbitration Bond

Sir

Princeton July 24th 1783

I have this Moment receivd
a Letter from M^{rs} Morgan, at Philadelphia,
informing me that she has receivd the Money,
I will bring it up either this day or tomorrow
herself. You may recollect that
I complained, when you was at my House,
of not being well— Since then I have
had a violent Attack of the Fever, so
that it is possible it may be out of my
Power to wait on you with the Money agree-
-able to Appointment, but you may rest
assured that nothing but a violent return
of ~~the~~ Fever shall prevent me, Should
that be the Case, & I cannot find a
safe Hand to send it by, I hope you
will excuse the Trouble of being obliged
to come up yourseff—

I am Sir

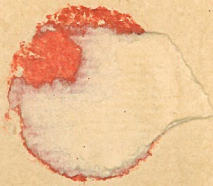
Your most humb Servant

M^r Peter Mersailles

Geo: Morgan

To
Mr. Peter Mersailles
To the particular Care of Mr. Drake
Inn-Holder

Stage
New Brunswick



To all people to whom these Presents shall Come or may
Concern, Wee Thomas Woodruff, Elias Van Court, & Thomas Fitz Randolph
do send Greeting

Whereas divers disputes & differences have arisen & yet depending
Between Peter Marselis & Luke Covert, for the Appeasing, Pacifying
and determining whereof, the Parties have Submitted themselves
and are Become Bound to each other in the Penal Sum of five
hundred Pound Proclamation Money to stand to, Obey, abide,
Observe, Perform fulfil and keep the Award, Order, Arbitrament
final end and determination of us the said Thomas Woodruff
Elias Van Court & Thomas Fitz Randolph ^(or any two of them) Arbitrators indifferently
Chosen, Elected & Named by the above Parties to arbitrate, Award, Order,
Judge & determine all such disputes & differences, as in & by their
several Bonds or Obligations with Conditions there under Written
Bearing Date the first day of this Instant December 4/83
Reference thereunto being had, the same doth more fully appear
Now Know Ye that we the said Arbitrators hereunto Subscribed being
willing to take upon us the Burden of the said Award & Arbitrament
and being minded to settle Unity & friendship Between P. Parties
do thereupon Make & put into Writing this our Award & Arbitration
Touching the Premises, and after hearing & duly considering the
Proofs & Allegations of Both P. Parties, do thereupon Agree
and first we do Award, order & determine that the said Luke
Covert is Justly Indebted to said Peter Marselis the Sum
of thirty Pound Lawful Money of the State of New Jersey
which we do here by order him to pay at or before the Expiration
of Six Months from the date here of with lawful Interest for
the same untill paid, which said Sum when paid shall be
Conclusive Between P. Parties, as Touching all Accounts
& demands, of all kinds of Personal Affairs Whatsoever between
said Parties, untill the day of the date hereof, and further we
do Award & determine that the said Luke Covert shall Relinquish
& deliver up all the Premises which he hath Occupied belonging
to P. Peter, unto the said Peter Marselis in to his Quiet Possession
and that part of P. Premises Under Rent to Thomas Covert, he shall
Not be Molested during his Term, so had, from P. Luke Covert
as an Attorney of P. Peter Marselis, but the Benefits arising

= Arising from said Thomas Covert Occupying that Part
of the Premises, to become the Property of Peter Marselis
or his Assigns, and that the Parties shall be Equal in the
Costs of this Arbitration, In Testimony of this our
Award we have hereunto set our hands & Seals the
tenth day of December in the Year of our Lord one
Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty three 1783

Thomas Woodruff

Elias V. Covert

Thomas Fitz Randolph

Recd one years Interest on the within Obligation
Decem^r 16th 1784

Peter Marselis

To all christian People to whom these Presents shall come know ye that I Thomas Woodruff of the County of Essex in the State of New Jersey Yeoman for and in Consideration of the Sum of seven Pounds Current Money of sd. State to me in hand paid by Peter Merselis of the Place abovesd. The Receipt thereof to my full Satisfaction Have Granted Bargained Sold and Conveyed and by these Presents do fully freely and Absolutely Grant Bargain Sell Convey and Confirm unto the sd. Peter Merselis and to his Heirs and Assigns forever. Fourteen Acres of Purchase Right of Elisabeth Town Right to take up so much unsurveyed Land on the Right of John Gould one of the Associates of sd. Elisabeth Town which Right I the sd. Thomas Woodruff now am the Lawful owner To have and to hold the aforesd. fourteen Acres of Town Right with all the Privileges Advantages and Appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging or in any manner of Ways appertaining unto the sd. Peter Merselis his Heirs and Assigns forever to his and their Sole and only use Benefit and Behoof forever And I the sd. Thomas Woodruff and my Heirs all the abovesd. Purchase Right of fourteen Acres of Land to be taken up on the South Side of the first Mountain with all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging unto him the sd. Peter Merselis and to his Heirs and Assigns forever, so that neither I the sd. Thomas Woodruff nor any other Person shall not have any just and Lawful Claim to the sd. fourteen Acres of Right but shall be and remain free and clear unto him the sd. Peter Merselis and to his Heirs and Assigns forever And lastly I the sd. Thomas Woodruff does hereby Promise and agree to and with him the sd. Peter Merselis To warrant, and Defend the sd. Right against the just and Lawful Claim of all manner

ner of Persons. In Witness hereof I the sd. Thomas Woodruff
have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this thirteenth Day
of October in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hun-
dred and Eighty three. 1783.

Sealed and delivered } Thomas Woodruff
In the Presence of }
Samuel Woodruff
William Cole.

Essex County } ss. Be it remembered that on this third day of
Nov. 1783 }
November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred & eighty three. Thomas Woodruff Esq: personally
came & appeared before me the subscriber one of the Judges
of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in & for said
County and acknowledged that he freely & voluntarily
signed & delivered the foregoing Deed of Grant
Bargain & sale as his Act & Deed for the purposes
therein mentioned: Given under my hand the day
& year above written. — Matthias Halsted

Dear Brother / London August 25 1786

Nothing in the world would give me
greater satisfaction than to hear from you
I hope you wont fail writing to me
By the first opportunity

I dont Expect to Return to America any
more as I find my self much more happy
hear this is one of the finest Ctries
that my Eyes Ever beheld and Government
has bin as good as ad pension to my
Half pay which will make me perfect
ly happy I am going to live down in Essex
County with a better office of mine
Remember me to Frederic Vermily
and Edah David Correll and Daniel
White head and all in Lunning friend
and Daniel Runyon Wm Robins
Peter Marsalis Lunt Lake B L C

PS my address is white street Southwark Bureau
This Country abounds with Every
thing that is good and I Live as
Well as I can wish

Don't forget to Remember me John and
Sunday and Peter and Sally and Ephron

Peter Marsalis Esq^r

Scots Main

New Jersey

Given to the Library of
Congress 25th 1786

Peter Marsalis Esq

Scots Plains

New Jersey

Wm. B. Adams letter of
August 25th 1786

Whereas Daniel Whitehead of Bridgewater Township
of the County of Somerset hath Conveyed and Sold a Lott of
Land to Peter Mercelin of the County of Middlesex Containing
Seven Acres by a certain Deed of Bargain & Sale Bearing Equal
Date with these ^{lying on Greenbrook} Presents, with this Proviso that he the said Peter
Mercelin his heirs & assigns shall have Priviledge to Pass and
Repasse over the said Daniel Whiteheads Land from the said Seven Acre
Lott to a two Rod Road Crossing said Whiteheads Land at such place
or Places as will be the most Convenient for the said Peter Mercelin
his heirs or assigns and at such Places as will be the Least Damage
for the said Daniel Whitehead his heirs or assigns only for the use
of the said Seven Acre Lott and not otherwise, and for the true
Performance hereof the said Daniel Whitehead binds himself his
heirs Executors & Adm.^{rs} in the Penall sum of Seventy Pounds
Proclamation money. In witness whereof the said Daniel
Whitehead hath hereunto set his hand and Seal this Sixth day
of April In the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Eighty seven
Witness Present

David Coriell

Daniel Whitehead

Thomson Stells

the 22 1790⁺

Dear Brother Monks Hill Antigua August

I arrived in this Island twelve months ago on the 26 of this month I have wrote to you several times & to my Brother John But have never received any answer I should have come to New York this fall but as there is a war with Spain God only ^{knows} when I shall be able to come I should be glad to know if you are preparing for war and what part you take whether you join the Spaniards or us I wish you could send me a few bushels of indian corn by some vessel that is coming to this island have it put up in barrels as it will be good for us with out I will send you some old Rum from

this tell my Mother that I will be glad she
will Send me som apples in a barrele they
must Be packed in Shavings or Straw or Sawdust
and all so som dride apples and peaches
Give my best Compliment to John & Thom
-son still David Correll Yacanas Pound
and family & George & James and all
in Quiring friends in short to Every body
that thinks it wort thur well in Quiring
after me you well let me know whom
has got married since I Saw you &
whom is Dead and in short Everything
you Can think of

I Remam your most
affettionate brother
Wm Robins Esq Regt

Dear Marshal's Sq. Capt. of

, 11th Regt. Militia - near

Quibble Town New Jersey

Yours Robt. Allen of
August 22nd 1790

Whereas my son Peter Mersalis stands bound unto me Hannah
Robins in a certain Obligation bearing Date on or about the fifteenth day
of March in the year of Our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Sixty Nine,
Conditioned for the Just and full payment of Thirty shilling per. Year, for and
During the space and Term of my Natural life, it being for my Right
of Dower in the Estate of my former Husband Harmanus Mersalis
Deceased, who was Father of the said Peter, and I the said Hannah
Robins being willing and Desirous to Discharge him the said
Peter Mersalis his heirs and assigns of and from all or any further
payment thereon. - Therefore know all men by these presents -
that I the said Hannah Robins for and in consideration of the
Natural love, Good will and Affection which I have and bear to
and for my said son Peter, Together with Divers Other Good causes
and Considerations me hereunto Moving, Have reconerated, Released
and Discharged, and by these presents do fully freely and absolutely
reconerate, Release and Discharge him the said Peter Mersalis
his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns forever, of and
from all or any further payment on or Respecting the above Cited
Obligation or any part thereof, as well what is Now Due as what
May hereafter become Due thereon, as fully and Intirely as if
Obligation had Never been Given. Excepting my said son Peter
should Die, and I the said Hannah should Come to want or stand
in Need thereof for my own Support, Then and in that the lawfull
Representative of my said son Peter shall be Subject to pay
so much thereof as may be Necessary for my own Support as -
Affs: when legally Demanded and No More. In witness -
whereof I the said Hannah Robins have hereto set my
hand and Seal this fifteenth Day of Sep: in the year of
our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Ninety one.

Sealed and Delivered }
In the presence of }
John Willson
Mary & Douty his mark

Hannah Robins

Discharge from Thomas
Adams to Robert Morrell,
from the payment of a
Certain Obligation

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Wabhes February 23 1793

My Dear Aunt

it is with pleasure I embrace
this opportunity to enquire after your health and
that of your Families ~ My Father and Mother
an family is in tolerable good health I make no
doubt. But you will be glad to see the bearer of
this I send it by Cousen George am truly unhappy
at parting with him how painfull it is for relations to
be separated he is the first I ever parted with except
one Dear Brother who was crypted in his early prime
by the cruel hand of death your joy will be great
when you see him return in good health which
I hope he will do in a short time he is very anxious
to see you. is a young man of good disposition you
must be happy my Dear aunt in havin such an
amiable Son I shall be happy to here from you
as often as passable hope you recieved the Letter
I wrote you some time ago papa mama and Family
joins in affectionate respects to you and your Family

mama desires
to be pecheulerly
remembered to Cousen
peter ~

I conclude my Dear aunt with
wishing you health and happiness
and am your ever affectionate
Niece Elizabeth Hutchinson

please to give my love to my aunt and Cousen
I shall be happy to hear from them

Elizabeth Hutchins
letter

Come to hand 16th Day May 1794

New Jersey State

Alfred Blunish: Robbins

Dear Sister

Hatchery 22 February 1794.

I write to you under a presumption that you are still alive, and hope you enjoy health and other blessings in your old age. I am much in the decline of life but still keep about. Our numerous family are all at present very well tho' we have lately had much sickness. —

My wife and Children all join in our respect & love to you and all your Children especially to Corzer Peter with whom some of them are best acquainted. — My good wishes attend you and all your Children.

Dear Sister

I am Yours.

Affectionate Brother

Anthony Hutchinson

This I send you by Corzer
George Robbins —

M^{rs} Hannah Robbins

Come to hand 16th Day May 1794

St. Mark's



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Dear Cousin

Natchez 23 Feb 1795

I received your Two Letters intended to have been sent by a Mr Davis, One dated 23 April 1794. & the other in May following in which you are so good as to give me an account of the death of your Mother and I rejoice to know that she had so happy a departure from this toilsome World. — her age was about 69 years. —

We are all glad to hear that you and your Family ^{are well} and also your Aunt Lane and her Family, And hope your Brother John and all the rest of your Brothers & Sisters & their families are well also, And to all of whom my Family joins me with the most affectionate regards & best wishes for their health & welfare in all respects. — My Family are all tolerable well as to health including those of my Daughter Mary Greens Family also. — I find myself greatly in the decline of life being in the 70th year of my age. —

You enquired after my Brother James's Children, I have only heard that some of them a few years past were living in N Carolina on Pe Dee River and others it was said were in the State of Georgia which is all I know or can learn of them. —

Reuben Alexander moved to N Orleans where he and his wife & Children died several years since, Wm Quail died about 5 years ago at my House Immanuel Madden lives.

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I thank you for the intelligence of the very extraordinary death of Col^o Spencer which was singular indeed And I am sorry to say that the great distance which we lived apart has occasioned me to omit writing matters with him. Nor has he ever answered a single letter since the beginning of the unhappy contest between Great Britain & America And from such circumstances of course I shall be a great loser by him. —

Your Aunt & Cousins here all join me in best wishes for the health & welfare of your wife your self & Children And all your brothers & sisters wishing you every happiness in this life & that which is to come. —

Dear Cousin

I am your

Affectionate Uncle

Anthony Hutchins

M^r Peter Morseillie

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Anthony Hutchins

M^r Peter Morrell's